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1. The following supplementary information on the unloading of 10 tanks of an unknown type in Satahorn on 13 November 1954 was received:
Prior to the arrival of the shipment, it was ordered that the tanks were to be unloaded only after nightfall. [redacted]
[redacted] All 10 tanks were of the same type. The tanks appeared to be short and turtle-shaped. The armor between the front and the circular track of the turret was unusually flat. Several horizontal ribs, possibly to destroy wire obstacles, were fitted to the front part of the hull. The chassis resembled that of a T-34 tank; however, the five bogie wheels were provided with spokes. The guns of all 10 tanks had no muzzle brakes but only muzzle covers. The guns had an estimated caliber of at least 85 mm. 1
2. At about noon on 24 November, 5 track-laying amphibious vehicles were seen in Eberswalde. The vehicles came from the direction of the railroad station and proceeded toward Freienwalder Strasse. The first vehicle carried 25 soldiers, and the other vehicles carried a smaller number of soldiers. The vehicles, which were observed from a distance of approximately 200 meters, had a superstructure similar to a pontoon, a slanting bow and a total length of approximately 8 meters. Only the upper part of the tracks could be observed. Three track-supporting rollers, a drive wheel and an idler wheel but no bogie wheels were seen. 2
1. [redacted] Comment. Security measures and observations made during the unloading indicate that tanks of a type not previously observed in the Soviet Zone, probably T-54 tanks, were unloaded. The tanks were bound for the 10th Gds Tank Div in Krampnitz. [redacted] At the same time, similar observations were also made at other tank divisions in the zone.
2. [redacted] Comment. The amphibious vehicles were the same which have continually been observed in Spereberg. At 0800 on 25 November, [redacted] unloading of 8 vehicles of the same type. [redacted] It therefore can be concluded that the Fourth Gds Mecz Army is equipped with at least 13 track-laying amphibious vehicles.

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